

Galaxy Guys Game Night

2nd-5th grade guys: Come hang out at YOUR game night! We'll eat pizza & ice cream, play Laser Tag, and much more. You're not going to want to miss this! **Next Saturday, February 2 | 5:00-7:30 PM**
Register: guys.mdpc.org

Scuba and Gems & Jewels

Bible study for kids in 3rd-5th grade to get to know Jesus! Boys meet at 5:30 PM and girls at 6:30 PM. **Wednesdays through April 10**
Register: children.mdpc.org

2019 Global Mission Trips

Interested in going on a mission trip or vision trip in 2019? Come and join fellow MDPC members to visit and serve alongside one of our beloved global outreach partners. Don't miss this opportunity to see and participate in the amazing work God is doing abroad. Trip details are available on the MDPC website and on flyers throughout MDPC... Where is God calling you?
Contact [Kelsi McCormack at kmccormack@mdpc.org](mailto:KelsiMcCormack@mdpc.org) if interested.

Youth Summer Mission Trips

Mission trips are planned for students in 6th grade, 7th-8th grade, and high school. Visit the link below to learn more and sign up! Scholarships available.
youthmissions.mdpc.org

Discover MDPC

Want to know more about MDPC? Thinking about membership? Plan to attend this brief informational meeting led by Pastor Alf. No commitment required! Learn what it means to be part of our faith community. **Sunday, Jan 27 | 10:45-11:15 AM | Gathering Room**

New Member Class Intensive

If you are interested in membership, or in becoming a Christian, any of our pastors would love to meet you and discuss your questions! The February session is an "intensive," condensing the normally four-Sunday course into a Friday evening and Saturday morning. **February 1-2 | Parlor (Friday eve & Saturday morn.)**
Register: membership.mdpc.org

The White Rose is in memory of MDPC members

- Betty Carr, who passed away January 13, 2019.
- Josephine Tarr, who passed away January 17, 2019.

Get to Know and Pray for All the MDPC Ministry Partners!

Pick up a 2019 Ministry Partner prayer booklet and get to know and pray for MDPC's 150+ local and global ministry partners and ministries. You and YOUR prayer are a vital part of their work! Three ministries to pray for are listed each week.



WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

MDPC's 2019 Operating Budget is pending review and approval by MDPC Session.

2019 Church in the City

The entire MDPC family will again serve together on a Sunday morning at Houston Food Bank! **Sunday, February 24**
Register today: citc.mdpc.org

Youth Baseball/Softball and Volleyball

Baseball/softball is for boys and girls in pre-K to 6th grade. Volleyball is for girls in 4th through 8th grade who are not in club volleyball. **All practices begin the week of March 18. Games: Saturdays, March 23-May 18**
Register by February 17 (\$120): sports.mdpc.org

Sign Up Now for REACH

Spring into fun and learning with recreational classes at MDPC. We have two NEW classes (Guitar and Chess), plus athletic, arts-y, and educational favorites. *See more & register: reach.mdpc.org*

Alpha Winter 2019

Alpha is a great place to invite people to explore faith and discuss the big questions of life. Its interactive sessions allow people to experience Jesus for themselves and make their own decisions about faith.. **Tuesdays, February 5-March 26 | 6:30-8:15 PM**
For details, see today's insert or visit alpha.mdpc.org.

Marriage, Fidelity, and Sexual Sin

Author and speaker Dr. Harry Schaumburg is a counselor specializing in the area of sexual sin in the church. He is the director of Stone Gate Resources and the author of *False Intimacy: Understanding the Struggle of Sexual Addiction* and *Undeified: Redemption from Sexual Sin, Restoration for Broken Relationships*. **Wednesday, February 13 | 7:00 PM**
Part of MDPC's Justice Initiative: justice.mdpc.org

2019 Young Adult Mission Trip

MDPC mission partner The Micah Project is doing amazing work in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, ministering to children who live on the street. Come with us to see the love of Christ and the beauty that is Honduras, and grow in community with other young Adults. **March 20-24 | \$600 out of pocket/\$600 fundraise**
Details: micah.mdpc.org

This week's Ministry Partner prayer focus is on:

Amazing Place is an interactive, affirming, state-of-the-art daytime wellness center for adults with mild to moderate memory loss. Its programs serve participants age 51 to 98 who suffer from Alzheimer's or related dementia, and their care-giving families. • amazingplacehouston.org

Arms Wide Adoption is an adoption, foster care, and post-adoption ministry helping to build nurturing families for children who have endured abuse, neglect, or abandonment. It specializes in placing older children, sibling groups, minority children, and children with physical, mental, or emotional disabilities. • armswide.org

MDPC Field Partners Steven and Natalie Hall live in Texas, where they support their ministry in Alaska and the Northern Territory. Working through SEND North, the Hall family focuses on the unreached people of the 60-70 parallel, who deal with elevated depression, alcoholism, and suicide rates. The Hall's ministry spreads the light of Jesus into dark places to bring hope and healing. • send.org/north



THIS IS US Caring Contacts & Counseling

If you're feeling the let-down after the tinsel and joy of Christmas and finding the January blues sneaking in, book a session with our in-house counselor, Amanda Grace Caldwell (acaldwell@mdpc.org), for some extra care and support in this season. For more on the family issues that Pastor Alf will tackle during this sermon series, check out our newest podcast, *Being Human*.

8:30 AM BLENDED

WELCOME	Trevor Harris
*SONGS OF PRAISE	
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON	Rachel Poysky
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE	
MESSAGE	THIS IS US Genesis 37:12-28 (NRSV) Alf Halvorson

9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

WORSHIP INVITATION	
SONGS OF PRAISE	
PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE	Hillary McMullen
MESSAGE	THIS IS US Genesis 37:12-28 (NRSV) Alf Halvorson
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE	

Musicians in the first two services: Meliza Gómez and Michael Middleton, worship leaders; Daniel Amaya, bass; George Heathco, guitar; Daniel Martinez, keys; Asher Pudlo, drums

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL

PRELUDE	<i>Sonata No. 2 in C Minor</i>	Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP		Dan Aikins
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i>	arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)
*HYMNS OF PRAISE	<i>My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less</i>	#379; vs. 1, 2, 3 SOLID ROCK
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE		Rachel Poysky
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20	
ANTHEM	<i>Sanctus and Hosanna (from Requiem)</i>	Hector Berlioz (1803-1869)
OFFERTORY	<i>Order My Steps (In Your Word)</i>	Glenn Burleigh (1949-2007)
MESSAGE	THIS IS US Genesis 37:12-28 (NRSV)	Alf Halvorson
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	#387; vs. 1 BRADBURY
POSTLUDE	<i>Festive Trumpet Tune</i>	David German (b. 1954)

Musicians in this service: Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, piano/organ; Calvet Young, soloist; Sanctuary Choir

* Please stand if able.

TONIGHT!

MDPC Concert Series

2018-2019

Gulf Coast Brass

Music for brass, organ, and choir

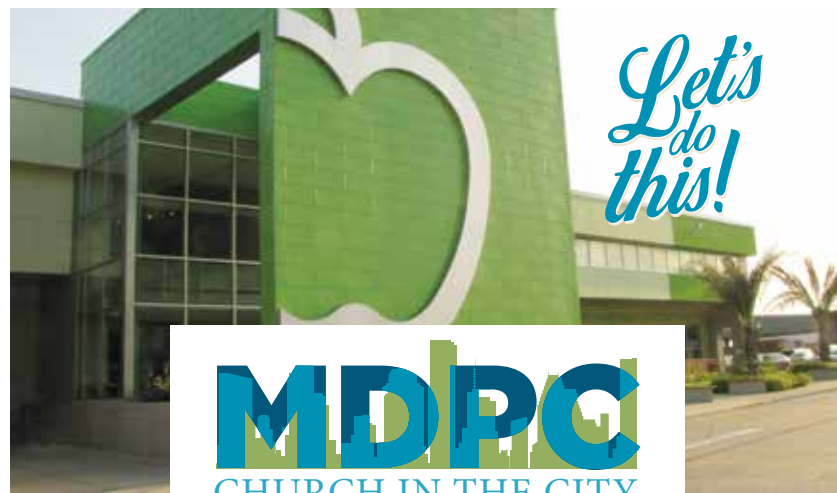
Sunday, January 27

6:00 PM | Sanctuary

Made up of top brass professionals in the Houston area, Gulf Coast Brass will make its debut concert as a group at MDPC. If you love the sound of brass, this is a must-hear concert! The group will perform exciting works with organist Kathryn White and the MDPC Sanctuary Choir.



concerts.mdpc.org | Free Admission



MDPC

CHURCH IN THE CITY

02.24.19

Serve shoulder-to-shoulder with your MDPC family at our annual Sunday morning of service! Meet here at 8:00 AM, bus to Houston Food Bank with some mobile worship, serve at HFB, and return to MDPC around noon for lunch.

Details and sign-up: CITC.mdpc.org

MDPC Young Adults on Mission 2019



We're traveling to serve with MDPC's amazing mission partner, The Micah Project. Come see the love of Christ while experiencing the beauty that is Honduras.

Wednesday-Sunday, March 20-24, 2019
\$600 out of pocket/\$600 fundraising

Email Trevor to learn more:
tharris@mdpc.org

MORE INFO
IN THIS BULLETIN'S
"HAPPENING AT MDPC"

HUMAN SEXUALITY

MARRIAGE, FIDELITY, & SEXUAL SIN



SPEAKER DR. HARRY SCHAUMBURG
Wednesday, February 13 • 7:00 PM • MDPC

JUSTICE INITIATIVE

justice.mdpc.org

FAITHFUL FATHERING

MARCH DADNESS

dadness.mdpc.org

Tuesdays

February 12-March 5

6:30-7:45 AM | Amphitheater

Step up your game as a dad! Join other fathers and father-figures for a 4-week "Exploring the Seasons of Fathering" study.

WHERE
THE BIBLE & MENTAL
HEALTH INTERSECT

Being Human

You're fine. I'm fine. EVERYTHING'S fine.

If you're listening to Pastor Alf's sermons and find topics such as **jealousy**, **family issues**, and **a longing to connect** relatable, find how-to's and extra support on the special edition of the Being Human podcast. Hosted by seminarian Laurien Hook and Amanda Grace Caldwell, MA, LPC.



Listen now: beinghuman.mdpc.org

Walking the Mourner's Path™

This Christ-centered eight-week grief program is limited to 10 participants, creating a safe place to share feelings with each other and with God. Trained facilitators guide the group.

Wednesdays, Feb. 6-April 3 | 3:30-5:00 PM | MC 116 | \$30 for materials

Register online at grief.mdpc.org or with Beverly Fluke of Caring Ministries.

Bake Cookies for U.S. Troops



MDPC: Put on your aprons, dig out your bowls & spoons, and bake!

Sewing for Missions is collecting homemade cookies to make care packages for U.S. military abroad. Our soldiers receive any gift with hearts full of gratitude...but it's homemade treats they really crave.

CARE PACKAGE ASSEMBLY: February 7 • 9:30 AM-1:00 PM • CLC 170

Drop your cookies off or stay to help package. All are welcome!



Who will you invite?



Alpha is an 8-week series of interactive sessions that allow people to experience Jesus for themselves and make their own decisions about faith. It is a great place to invite people to explore faith and discuss the big questions in life.

**Tuesdays, February 5–March 26
6:30–8:15 PM**

Alpha is **FREE**. Dinner and childcare are provided

Info and registration:

alpha.mdpc.org

**Not sure what Alpha is all about?
Try Alpha for yourself.**

ALPHA

explore life. faith. meaning.



Alpha is a great place to invite people to explore faith and discuss the big questions of life. Each Alpha includes a free meal, a video talk on a topic from the Christian perspective, and a conversation in smaller groups where everyone is encouraged to share their own perspective. No question or comment is off limits and everyone is able to share as much or as little as they'd like.

Alpha is for...

- > People who are wrestling with life's biggest questions: *Does God exist? or Why are we here?*
- > People skeptical of faith, but open to having conversations with other folks who have different worldviews.
- > People who have been a Christian for a while, but still are unsure about parts of the faith.
- > People who are a new Christian looking to learn the basics of the Christian faith.

If you don't match any of these groups, consider inviting someone you know who does. You can even come along with them. You can find invitation pockets at the Alpha table in the lobby or at the front desk.



THIS IS US

The Story of Joseph's Family...and Ours

Family Secrets

Genesis 37:12-28 (NRSV)

Alf Halvorson preaching

This is the second in a series of sermons on the Story of Joseph. Last week, we focused on sibling rivalry, jealousy, and favoritism. This week, in addition to those topics, we add the hurt which can lead to horrific actions and cover-ups. Jealousy unresolved can lead to hate, broken relationships—and even murder. And it doesn't deliver what we hope it will.

1. From last week's sermon, what hit you about Joseph and his 11 brothers? About Jacob? About the behaviors that have been tolerated in this family?
2. When was a time you were jealous? What were the circumstances? How did you handle yourself? What do you wish you had done differently, if anything?
3. If you missed last week, read Genesis 37:1-11; otherwise, go immediately to Genesis 37:12-28. Read it now. What surprised you from the first six verses (vs. 12-17)? What is the relationship between Jacob and Joseph? And what is Jacob asking Joseph to do? How do you think Joseph's brothers would have reacted to this supervision or spying?
4. Verse 18 is a turning point in this passage. How do you think they knew from a distance it was Joseph? And why decide to kill him already? Does verse 19 help? Do they have a legitimate grievance? Why do Joseph's dreams threaten the rest so much? What might the dreams symbolize?
5. From verses 20-28, talk through the mindset of the various brothers, and the group as a whole. Who wants to do what, and why?
6. Read verses 29-36, just to see what happens next. How do the brothers cover up the "action" to their father? How does Jacob react? Do the brothers get what they had hoped for from their father?
7. If you had to summarize this first part of the Joseph Story using an Aesop's Fable Moral of the Story, what would you say it is? What do unresolved jealousy and hatred produce?
8. What might the brothers have done differently? In your life, is there an unresolved jealousy or hatred that you need to address? What should your next step be?

